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AMERICAN CATHOLIC HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

MARKS BICENTENNIAL AT UD

DAYTON, Ohio, January 22, 1976 --- More than 100 teachers from colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada will converge on the University of Dayton campus March 26-27 when the American Catholic Historical Association holds its spring meeting marking the Bicentennial.

Seven seminaries will also be represented, including Princeton and Lutheran Southern. It is the Association's first meeting in Ohio, and the largest in attendance to date.

Chairman of the program committee is Dr. George J. Ruppel, S.M., of UD's Department of History.

In 20 panel sessions and six seminars, participants will deliver 35 papers on subjects ranging from early European history, the medieval church and Tudor England, to American social history, women's colleges in the midwest, and Irish independence.

Topics of other papers will include: urban America, the counter-Reformation, early modern Europe, Catholics in Italy in modern times, mariology in historical perspective, Jerusalem as a center of many worlds, England and Scotland, Jesuit higher education in America in the 19th century, Papal involvement in 19th century Europe, Catholic missionaries and diplomacy, the Jesuits: new insights, the Bicentennial, Catholic missions in China in the 19th and 20th centuries, Catholic religious education in the U.S., Catholic in Africa, religion in the U.S., the church and Franco Spain, Thomas Jefferson 200 years after the Revolution, a Catholic-non-Catholic dialogue about Blacks in America, and Catholic attitudes toward left-wing Protestant sects in America since 1945.

Friday's sessions, March 26, will conclude with a dinner in the Kennedy Union ballroom and an address of welcome by Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., President of the University.

Saturday's sessions will conclude with a concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati in the university chapel.

The public is welcome to all sessions of the conference. Visitors may register between 2:30 P.M. and 5 P.M., Friday March 26, in the Kennedy Union.